(b) if so, the details 'thereof in ducing the suggested changes which it intends to bring in the. current Plan model;

(c) whether the new plan process has been discussed thread bare by Government economists and others Oefore it is implemented; and

(d) if so, whether there is any difference of opinion on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTA-TION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN- GO): (a) to (d) Deputy Chairman. Planningj /Commission held a meet-inn- with some Senior Economists of the country on 23rd May. 1934 to discuss the role and shape of plann- may *in th*e eoutext of economic re-form in the country. This meeting- was a part elf an ongoing process of wider conusultation on issues pertaining to development and planning. This meeting endorsed the need for and relevance of planning in the context of changine; economic scena-.

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860. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA- Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) *whether* it is a fact that committee was appointed recently to go into the question of boosting employment of educated unemployed youths:

(b) if so, whether that Committee lias submitted its report and if so when and what are the recommendations made by It;

(c) the action taken by Government on the recommendation;

(d) if no action has yet been taken, the reasons 'for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)) to (e) The Committee on Boosting Employment for the Educated "Unemployed submitted its Report in September, 1992. As the Report is under consideration of the Government, it is not possible to provide any details, about the recommendations of the Committee.

Evaluation of Jawaior Rojgar Vojan in five States by O.R.G. Baroda

861. SHRI JAGMOHAN: W:]l the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Operation Research Group. Baroda, was to evalne the Working on the Jawahar RozgarYogan in five States;

(b) whether this Group ha.- slnce submitted its reprnrt;

(e) if so what are the finding's of this Gronp; and.

(d) what modifications are proposed to be made in the concept of the Schemc and its implementation machinery, in the light of the findings suggcion, *of* the Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Rural Development has undertaken a concurrent evaluation of JRY (May 1993 to June 1994) conducted by several research institutions throughout the country. The Operation Research Group. Baroda has also been associated with this evaluation study but only in six districts of Gujarat and one district of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

(b) to (d) The Operation Research Group has recently submitted its filled *iv* schedules for the evaluation studies On receipt of the filled in scb.ed.ilcs from all the States, the concurrent evaluation, report will be compiled. and finalised by the Ministry of i Development.

Allocution of plan fund* for develop ment of power

863 SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will thei Minister of PLANKING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be- plased to state:

(a) the region-wise allocation of Plylends for the development of povise-.: in the successive Five Year

*(b) th*e criteria- according to which such ailocations have been decided upon. and

(c) wherher the eastern and the nor;.: i eastern zones received thelowest allocation:; for power in all the plans

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION *SHRI* GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) (c) The allocation of Plan Funds :or the development of power .ioctoe in the successive Five Year PLANS.: is not done region-wise 'but the same is being done on Statewise basis. The allocation of P3lan funds for State is decided based on the State's own resource.; and the Central support. The Central support includes market borrowing, negotiated loans formula based Central assistance. Central assistance for externally aided projects and plan revenue deficit: grant etc The Statewise allocation for power sector is available in the successive. Five Year Plans document.

Variation in estimates of urban poor, unemployed and underemployed

863. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PRO GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION foe pieased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission j estimates regarding the number of urban poor, urban unemployed and under-employed have been found to be very low;

(b; whether the Lakadawala Committee has estimated that the numbers about double the figure adopted by the Commission;

(c) what are the reasons for this wide variation; and

(d) what action is being taken to make the necessary correction?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) and(.b) Planning Commission bas estirruteii the number of urban poor as 4.17 crore in 1987-88. The "Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor" under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakacl-v wala has estimated the number of urba*n poor* as *3.3ai* crore in 1937 ho Planning Commission estimates of urban unemployment rates, based on the results of National Sample Survey on Employment and Unemployment of 43rd (1987-88) are 6.56 per cent as per usual principal status. 7.12 per cent as per current weekly status and 9.36 per cent as per cut-rent daily status. The Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakdawala has not estimated unemployment and underemployment rates.

(c) and (d) The variation in the estimate of urban poverty between Planning Commission and the "Expert Group" is due to the differences in the methodology of estimation.